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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4203

INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, VS, TW

SUBJECT: LST LOAN

REF: A) STATE 069147; B) SAIGON 3316

1. GVN HAS RECONFIRMED REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL LST'S.
UP TO TWELVE ADDITIONAL VESSELS COULD BE
EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED IN MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES AND MILITARY UNITS
AND EQUIPMENT OUT OF MR-1.
2. AS NOTED IN REF B, GVN HAS ALREADY MADE FORMAL REQUEST TO
ROC FOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE IN MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES. SUGGEST EMBASSY
TAIPEI PURSUE PARTICIPATION OF ROC-CREWED LST'S BASED
ON THIS DEMARCHE, NOTING THAT AN URGENT REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR
ALL THE VESSELS THEY CAN SPARE (UP TO TWELVE) FOR MOVEMENT OF
CIVILIAN REFUGEES.
3. WITH RESPECT TO LOAN PROPOSAL, REQUIREMENT FOR GVN-MANNED
LST'S, WHICH COULD BE UTILIZED FOR TRANSPORT OF MILITARY UNITS WE
BELIEVE CHANCES OF SECURING ROC AGREEMENT TO THIS WOULD
BE IMPROVED IF WE DELAYED
RAISING IT UNTIL AFTER CIVILIAN REFUGEE EFFORT
WAS UNDERWAY. AT THAT TIME, WE WOULD PROPOSE
SEEKING LOAN OF SIX LST'S.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IN PURSUING ROC DIRECT

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PARTICIPATION FIRST ON URGENT BASIS, WITH LOAN REQUEST TO BE MADE

BY GVN AFTER THIS COMMENCES.

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